

REMARKS

The claims are 1-5 and 10-23, with claims 1 and 16 being independent. Claims 1-5 and 10-15 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected inventions. Claims 6-9 have been rewritten as new claims 16-23 and cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.

Applicant hereby affirms the election of Group II, claims 6-9.

Claims 6-9 stand rejected for being dependent on non-elected claims 1-5. Applicant has rewritten claims 6-9 as new claims 16-23, as required by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Since all issues have been resolved, Applicant respectfully requests that the subject application be passed to issue.

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